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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 2019

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TENNECO FOUR

REF: BEIRUT 10506

1. MAHAMOUD ACKNOWLEDGED VALIDITY OF CODE WORDS AT SUNDAY NIGHT MEETING AND AGREED THAT RELEASE OF CAPTIVES NOW IN ORDER SUBJECT TO THEIR ACTUALLY HAVING ARRIVED AT BORDER NEAR KASSALA. MAHAMOUD HAD NOT RECEIVED WORD FROM ZEIN REGARDING ARRIVAL OF CAPTIVES WHICH THEY HAD AGREED WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AS SOON AS CAPTIVES ARRIVED AT BORDER.

2. MAHAMOUD TO CONTACT ZEIN 1000 HOURS MONDAY SEPT. 2 TO ASCERTAIN LOCATION OF CAPTIVES AND EXPECTED ARRIVAL TIME AT BORDER. MAHAMOUD TO REPORT BACK TO BOGAN AND GRAHAM BY 1030 HOURS.

3. CHARTER AIRCRAFT ON STANDBY FOR TENTATIVE NOON DEPARTURE TO KASSALA IN EVE CAPTIVES ARE AVAILABLE.

4. ABDUL WAHAB WAS APPRISED OF THE RECEIPT OF THE CODE WORD AND TOLD EMBOFF THAT TENNECO REPS CAN FLY TO KASSALA AT
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ANY TIME. BOTH HE AND KHALIFA INDICATED THAT WHILE CAPTIVES

WERE ON ERITREAN SIDE OF BORDER THERE IS NO CHOICE BUT TO BE GUIDED BY ZEIN'S AND MAHAMOUD'S TIMETABLE.

5. IF RELEASE EFFECTED TODAY, CAPTIVES, WITH GRAHAM AND BOGAN, SCHEDULED TO DEPART KHARTOUM ON SD-112 AT 0830 ON 3RD WHICH ARRIVES ROME 1515 HOURS AND LONDON 1725K HOURS. SCHEDULED TO PROCEED LONDON TO PARIS ON AIRFRANCE FOR OVERNIGHT AND CONNECTION WITH AF 067 DEPARTING FOR HOUSTON AT 1030 ON 4TH SEPTEMBER. CAN RENDEVOUS WITH BURGHER AND

WILSON IN PARIS NIGHT OF 3RD.

6. ALTERNATE POSSIBILITY IS TO RENDEVOUS WITH BURGHER AND WILSON IN ROME ON AFTERNOON 3RD AND THEN PARTY CAN PROCEED DIRECTLY TO PARIS FOR OVERNIGHT. IN EITHER EVENT BOGAN AND GRAHAM INTEND TO RETURN TO ADDIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RENDEVOUS.

7. REQUEST BURGHER ADVISE WHICH RENDEVOUS PREFERABLE AND BOOK FLIGHT ROME TO PARIS IF ROME IS RENDEVOUS. BURGHER ALSO REQUESTED TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN PARIS.

8. IN EVEN ZEIN NOT READY TO DELIVER CAPTIVES TODAY, PLAN TO INITIATE NO ACTION AS ZEIN STILL OPERATING WITHIN TOLERANCE ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED WITH BOGAN AND GRAHAM. THAT IS, HE PROMISED DELIVERY OF CAPTIVES ON OR WITHIN A COUPLE OF DAYS AFTER 1ST SEPTEMBER. EVENT TO DATE HAVE UNFOLDED ALMOST EXACTLY AS HE FORECAST, SO FEEL STRONGLY WE SHOULD ALLOW HIM TIME HE ORIGINALLY SAID WAS NECESSARY TO CONCLUDE DEAL.

9. IF RELEASE EFFECTED ON 3RD, TRAVEL PLANS ARE TO PROCEED KHARTOUM TO BEIRUT ON SD-102 ARRIVING 1305 ON 4TH. BERLIND

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